

## Joint Meeting Prepare Breef For Irrigation

Show Reasonable to Solve the  
Problems of Drouth

Committees of the Medicine Hat and Redcliff Chambers of Commerce were held in the Hat last Monday evening to discuss the question of inducing federal and provincial governments to undertake the work of putting irrigation on the farm lands between Ronalane and Redcliff. Reports from committees showed that 190,000 acres of land could easily be irrigated and that they had this information from experienced engineers who had gone over the ground.

Figures of estimated cost of the proposed project were supplied by engineers and it appears that what it costs governments to farmers relief would put in irrigation and do away with any severe relief in this district.

After considerable discussion, committees were appointed to prepare a brief to submit to the governments and submit same to another committee meeting in the near future. The committee appointed were Mayor Bullivant, Dr. F. W. Gershaw, G. M. Blackstock, K. C. and A. P. Burns, with power to add to its numbers.

## Local Shooting Club Is In Good Shape

The local Revolver and Rifle Club is now in good shape and a number in town are most interested. The official opening will take place next Monday evening. Arrangements are being made to conduct the club in an official nature.

Acting as Attorney-General Premier Albert Hart telegraphed Hon. E. Lapointe, Federal Minister of Justice, asking full remission of sentences imposed on Messrs Powell and Unwin as they are both under defence of jail terms for publishing defamatory libel.

## City's Report of Local Red Cross

Many Goods Distributed Among  
Those in Need

At the annual meeting of the local Red Cross which was held last week-end the following is a report which was submitted by the secretary, Mrs. A. R. Ballantyne:

The President, Ladies and Gentlemen. This report of the year's work carried on since early fall has been hard times due to lack of work in town industries and bad crops in country districts, befall us. Up to that time there were no demands made on the society. In the spring the society lent the services of its very efficient Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. F. Cox after three years' work. A letter of appreciation was forwarded to her in England.

The present secretary took over the work in June and at that meeting a splendid donation from the Oranation Committee was received with gratitude and as much more to enable us to carry on our work as funds were very low at the time.

Since our annual meeting has been held in the spring, one was held in October and the same funds were re-elected to finish the year's work. All our organizations had been asked to elect representatives so our executive was increased to a working committee of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Mayor, and Anglican and Church of Scotland's L.A. of B. E. N. I. Agents Teachers School, Board of Credit and Dominion Class representatives.

A committee to handle clothing was also appointed consisting of the President as chairman, Mrs. John the Misses S. Horn Sanderson, Kitchen, Kolkets and Ballantyne. This committee has been a busy time with a depot open in the Town Hall, two uniforms a week since the first of November and three or four attendance each day. We are very grateful to the Mayor for his offer of space in the Town Hall for this work, as it could be done by Rev. Ellison with the help of the different church, such an extensive scale in the past and others interested in the manner. Our thanks to the other cash donations from the

due to Mr. Kitchen for his kindly help on all occasions. 260 articles of clothing comprising 48 pairs of shoes, 36 coats, 22 pairs of trousers, 2 quilts and 257 miscellaneous articles were given out to 24 families up to the end of 1937. Since then each month—20 more families—given out to town people also. Included in this was a bale of new clothing received from the Dominion Government through Robinson who asked the Society to distribute it as well as a donation of clothing and hats made by the Mural League of Redcliff School. Mr. Ellison with the aid of his T-ull Rangers took charge of the toys and these were distributed in town and country and relieved the Committee of extra work at a very busy time.

Near Christmas the Relief Committee functioning through the local Masons asked the Society to handle the distribution of clothing to clothing to their country district from Alberton to Medicine Hat and on to the river. This clothing was donated by Alberta Masons with 50 blankets from the Provincial Red Cross and was handled separately. Up to date 50 quilts ranging in number from one to one bachelors have been given clothing. When this work is completed a full report will be given.

A donation of 13 pairs of mittens from local church women were thankfully received and distributed by Rev. Hammett. From the United Church, Saskatchewan Conference came eight cartons of clothing collected by churches in the east (one from P. E. I.) and forwarded to us through the efforts of Rev. Ellison. Nothing from the Docus Society of the Anglican Church was also handed over to us by Rev. Hammett. These donations and parcels from private individuals in town have been received with sincere thanks and distributed where needed, to the best of our knowledge.

A splendid cash donation from the proceeds of the Carol Service was received, thanks to the call for this work, as it could be done by Rev. Ellison with the help of the different church, such an extensive scale in the past and others interested in the manner. Our thanks to the other cash donations from the

## Mayor Sangster School Trustees Declared Elected

Seven Town Councillors Nominated to Fill 3 Vacancies

Nomination for Mayor, Town Councillors and School Trustees took place last Monday. There was no opposition to Mayor Sangster's nomination; he was declared elected again for two years.

As only three candidates were nominated to fill the three vacancies on the school board they were also declared elected. They were Mrs. E. L. Stone, Mr. A. R. Ballantyne who were on the board before and Rev. H. Stonier.

For the three vacancies on the town council, seven candidates were nominated. The candidates are: Messrs. Carbox Evans, John Hope, Sid H. Peterson, J. Edgata, Ted Van Wier, N. R. Willis and W. R. Willis. The three candidates who were on the council before were C. Evans, J. Hope and N. R. Willis.

The election for councillors will take place in the Town Hall on Monday, opening at ten a.m. and closing at seven p.m.

Feas of England was much appreciated as was the for the Christmas entertainments given by the children in school and one in the sale of cakes left from a Golden Wedding Celebration. The membership drive did not materialize all December and finally finished this date. A good increase in members as well as in lesser donations is noted.

Medicine milk and nourishing food was provided for sick children, approved by President and Vice President. One emergency hamper for the sick and nine Christmas hampers were sent out. Up to date about half the money voted for buying underwear has been used for children emergency coats and layette.

A donation was also sent to the J. H. C. Hospital as per financial statement submitted herewith. My thanks to all who are mentioned above to the canvassers and to all who have helped in any

## Cavalcade Fashion Was Most Interesting

Styles From Fifty Years Ago  
Up To The Present

"Cavalcade of Fashion" which was put on in St. Ambrose Parish Hall last Friday evening was well attended and all present thoroughly enjoyed the new ideas for an evening's entertainment.

The program was arranged to show the human costume styles from fifty years ago up to the present and it was quite interesting for both young and old. It was mostly of the female vogue but a few of the males were also shown.

Each of the costumes were worn individually as the dresses walked down the carpet to be viewed by the interested audience on both sides of the building. At the finish all made a procession down the carpet again. While each was shown the color, which was an authority of ancient and modern styles, gave its opinion of each costume. These were most amusing and there were most interesting of all were enjoyed.

Between sections of the fashion show the newly organized orchestra gave several selections which were most pleasing, conducted by Mr. H. Turner with K. Kane at the piano, E. T. Joske violinist, W. Piferling, and S. Finley, Laxophone. Miss Watkins and Miss White of Medicine Hat also gave interesting selections. Miss Watkins' solos were most pleasing and Miss White's monologues were most amusing.

After the program refreshments were served and dancing followed.

## Trustees Convention Oppose Large Unit

Endorse the Teachers Pension Handled by Govt.

At the School Trustees Convention held in Calgary last week a resolution was passed asking the government to abolish the larger units as now organized. The resolution carried with a large majority.

Delegates also endorsed a resolution calling upon the provincial government to contribute at least 50 per cent of the cost of education. They also endorsed a proposal for teachers' pension scheme provided no part of the cost be charged against school districts. The pension plan proposed by the Calgary school board would be a contribution one with the government and teachers contributing to the general fund.

Prince Nicholas of Greece father of the Duchess of Kent, died last Tuesday. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were en route to Athens at the time of his death.

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way and who are not mentioned our thanks to the less.

The following officers were elected: Pres. Rev. Ellison; Vice Pres. Mrs. J. Kitchen; Sec. Treas. Mrs. A. R. Ballantyne.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rhoda M. Ballantyne

## Two S. C. Men Served Sentence Charge of Libel

No Further Appeals Can Be Taken By Them

The appeals of G. S. Powell, and Joseph H. Unwin, Social Credit member of the Alberta Legislature, against conviction and sentence on charges of publishing defamatory libel were dismissed in unanimous judgments handed down by the appellate division of the Supreme Court of Alberta. The five judges on the case were agreed.

As the appellate division was unanimous in both judgments, no further appeals can be taken by Mr. Powell and Mr. Unwin. Mr. Unwin, government whip in the legislature, was sentenced to six months and the Supreme Court also agreed to his deportations to England.

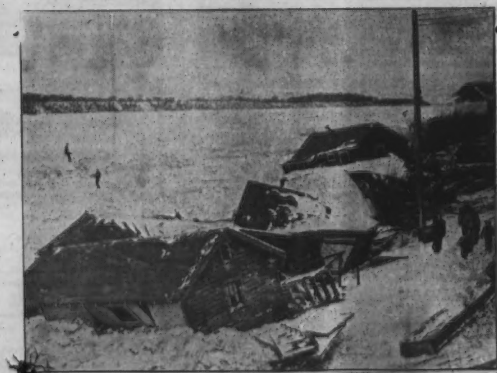
The charge against these two men was defamatory libel they had printed against the premier of Alberta. The libelous wording under the title of "Bankers' Todies" and "My children, you should never say hard or unkind things about bankers' todies. God save the bankers' todies, just as he save snakes, slugs, snails and there creep-crawly is acherous and poisonous things. Never, therefore abuse them—just exterminate them."

## Emphatically "No"

Remission of S. C. Members Was Emphatically "NO"

Latest news received today is that Messrs. Powell and Unwin have now sent to jail. Chief Justice, of Alberta Supreme Court, insisted that these men not be committed forthwith. Mr. Albert Hart said that further negotiations with the executive council of the federal government would continue. Hon. E. Lapointe, Federal Minister of Justice, would Premier Albert Hart that remission of sentence of these two men was emphatically "no."

## CREEPING NIAGARA "GLACIER" RIPS DOCKS AND COTTAGES



Icebergs along the Niagara River are taking stock of the damage caused by the serious ice jams from the late of Lake Ontario as the latest "freezing-up" relieves the danger for the present. In addition to the wrecking of the famous Niagara Falls bridge docks, boatmen and cottages have also suffered from the ice condition in the river and this picture, taken seven miles below Niagara Falls, shows boatmen's summer residence crushed to pieces by the huge mass of ice.

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## Conservation In Agriculture

With the powers of Old Dad waxing stronger day by day thoughts are turning towards the advent of another spring when tillers of the soil, appearing on large or small scale, will again commit the seeds of cereals, vegetables and grasses to the care of Mother Earth in the hope that a beneficent Providence will aid individual effort to produce bountifully in the harvest season.

The wise farmer and gardener, whether he is located in what has become known as the drought area of the prairie provinces or in sections where Nature has been more kindly in recent years, will already have spent many anxious hours in planning out his work for the approaching season, deciding what he will plant, how much he will plant, what methods he will adopt to make the most of soil and available moisture.

Even with the most careful planning he recognizes that defeat may await him in the hot summer months as a result of conditions over which he has comparatively little control or none at all, but he should also recognize that intelligent and well-planned efforts may at last do something to mitigate disaster now at hand. If disaster is impending.

### Consider New Methods

In these areas which have in recent years been subjected to the lightning influences of soil drying or which have experienced short crops or none at all because of lack of moisture, or both, much thought has, not alone, already been devoted by the majority of farmers and gardeners to such insurance, or protective, methods as dry farming, regrassing of lands, rotation of crops, the planting of trees and hedges for windbreaks and as moisture retainers and the use of comparatively new types of implements designed to conserve moisture under the soil. It is true that it will also include construction of small dams and minor irrigation projects where the presence of flowing water and the contour of the land make such a feasibility.

No one of these methods can be labelled as "sure fire" insurance policy for any and every district or even for any individual farm. Local conditions and contingencies have to be considered before the best system can be determined and this means that each farmer must be his own arbiter, though it must be conceded that, in some cases at least, a conservation measure suitable to an individual farm may also be of value to a large tract district in which it is located.

### Value Of Shelter Belts

Doubtless much thought has been given by many agriculturists to the question of the value of shelter belts formed by trees or hedges, or both, as aid to both soil and moisture conservation, not only for the home garden but also for the grain field and particularly in the wind-swept reaches of the open prairie. That more and more, farmers are being impressed with the value of trees and hedges as a conservation agency is demonstrated by substantial increases in attendance at the lecture car of the Canadian Forestry Association on its annual trips through the western provinces and an annual increase in the number of inquiries received by officials of the Association and officials of the Western Canadian forestry stations. The increased interest has been especially marked during the depression era.

While the extent to which such shelter belts can be depended upon as an aid to agriculture and horticulture in this country in years of drought is always a controversial topic, nevertheless, the Canadian Forestry Association has an impressive record of the value of shelter belts in the home garden and Outdoors, its official organ, in support of its contention that every farmer in the southern areas of the prairie provinces can ensure a supply of food for his family by planting and maintaining shelter belts. The evidence is presented in the form of the printed word of authorities and practical amateurs, supported by illustrations showing well tended gardens and good garden crops on isolated farms in the dry districts in years of drought, all of them protected by shelter belts.

### Regarded As Shining Proof

Alan Beaven, in charge of the lecture car, writer of the 1937 literature in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is saying: "Every district which visited furnished striking proof of the possibility of the southern farmer becoming self-sustaining, as far as home food supplies are concerned."

"Had the farm garden been a universal policy, instead of being completely overlooked, or at best, in most cases, a haphazard venture, countless millions in food costs during the past nine years, could have been avoided. Every farmer can grow his own needs anywhere throughout the south country, and an objective short of this is far good enough, and nothing but sound educational progress can achieve it. And again:

"For eight years in Saskatchewan, crops followed the boundary lines of the native trees. Wherever trees grew wild, binders were busy in the fall, and this extended to the very edge of the prairie, to almost the international boundary. With a knowledge of the fact that rainfall in the west do not increase as you go north (southern Saskatchewan from 1900 to 1930 enjoyed an equal rainfall with the northern part of the Province) and with the experience today that when we clear large areas of the north, making them physically open plains like the south, we get the southern climatic condition of high winds, rapid evaporation, and soil drier. It has been thoroughly proved that the retention of natural forest and the establishing of tree belts are two of the primary needs of prairie farming."

"In the light of the testimony presented by Mr. Beaven and a number of farmers in Forest and Outdoors, farmers cannot afford not to consider the advisability of planting shelter belts for the home garden, if not the entire farm."

### More Important

When Queen Victoria was on her way to Malabar College, a Scottish gentleman, whose garden was noted for their fine fruit, sent a basket of hothouse grapes to her. Graciously she acknowledged the gift in a personal letter, and complimented the donor on the excellence of his grapes.

Thinking that his old gardener would be pleased to share the compliment, the gentleman handed the letter to him, saying, "Here, Sandy, that's from the Queen."

Sandy read the letter carefully, and after a long pause said, "She does say 'excellent' about 'those' hothouse grapes!"

Three pineapples were found growing on a rubbish heap in Turkey, England, in November.

A man in Capetown, South Africa, has a pet ostrich.

### Looked Like Good Business

The manager of the big insurance company stormed into the office and banged his hand heavily on the junior clerk's desk.

"Well, sir," this young fellow was asked, "Why in the world did you write a policy on a man 30 years of age?"

The junior clerk shrugged his shoulders.

"Well, sir," he replied, "I looked in the census report and found there was only a few people of this age each year."

Benji—Ethel carries her age well, doesn't you say?

Benji—Oh, she should. She's had years of experience."

The Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City was built in 10 years to the day.

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### Pushing Back The Desert

Egypt Has Plan To Reclaim 1,600,000 Acres Of Land

Spurred by a growing population still almost entirely dependent on the soil, Egypt plans to reach out over 3,000 miles of desert, swamp and jungle for water to irrigate its fields.

Once the granary of the Roman world, Egypt has seen the desert encroach on 1,600,000 acres of formerly fertile soil, which can be restored to productivity only by extensive irrigation. Far to the south, in Lake Nasser, more than 50,000 cubic feet of water may be impounded by building a dam at the narrow point where the Nile leaves the lake. This is ten times the amount stored behind the huge Aswan Dam, the most important dam in the existing irrigation system of Egypt.

But this reservoir would be valueless unless the great flood waters were brought under control. Stretching for 300 miles along the White Nile, where it leaves the lake region for the plains of the Sudan, the Sobat acts as a mighty sponge, soaking up seven-eighths of the river as it flows through. The first step in making the waters of Lake Albert available to the farmers of Lower Egypt, therefore, lies in the construction of a dam at the mouth of the swamp, for which purpose a project has been adopted by the Egyptian government.

The Sudan is a mysterious region, parts of which have never been explored by white men. Pygmy growths of tall, emerald green reeds, water and the natives have been designed to match the vegetation, for they are slender and tall, often reaching a height of seven feet. Hippopotamuses, crocodiles and alligators of hideous form, the principal wildlife.

The Sudan and Lake Albert projects are the most ambitious of the many attempts to harness the Nile for irrigation. All the agriculture of Lower Egypt is dependent on the annual irrigation, and the system is gradually being extended to the Sudan, which has great possibilities in cotton production.

### The Fire Hazard

Loss By Fire Contributes To The Heavy Cost Of Living

There is urgent need for more education with regard to fire hazards. Only a small percentage of the population appears to have given this subject adequate thought or to have acquired the necessary knowledge and the present danger of any careless action in regard to fire, notwithstanding the fact that loss by fire is one of the heaviest contributors to the cost of living.

If it could be brought home to all individuals that any carelessness on their part in the disposal of burning matches, or smoking material might cause a loss in which they would bear the burden directly, there might be more inclination to regard fire hazards seriously. As it is, however, we find the majority of people giving no thought at all to this subject, and as a result we continue to incur vast losses every year. Fireproof Buildings—Review.

### Can Carry Typhoid

"Bacillus can be typhoid carriers, medical experts and zoologists agreed with Dr. J. F. Beale, port of London, Eng., water writer. The warning was given by Dr. Beale at a ministry of health inquiry at Falmouth, in regard to typhoid epidemic.

The largest egg-importing country in the world is Great Britain, which consumes 151 eggs per capita every year.

Limburger cheese gets its name from the town of Limburg, Belgium; not most of it is manufactured in Germany.

Lightning kills only about three persons in a million each year in the United States.

Water containing magnesium and calcium salts does not swell gelatin as much as soft water does.

Skin of the East Indian sheep is being used as leather bellows in gun motors in England.

### Most Direct Stimulus

Construction Would Do Much To Help Economic Activity

Canada's economic health chart during the last year in many ways resembled the ups and downs of the late twenties. In other respects it was ominously dissimilar. One of the most serious differences was the state of the construction industry. Figures given in the Royal Bank letter for January carry the cheering news that construction contracts awarded in 1937 throughout Canada were away ahead of last year. The increase actually was at least 35 per cent. The figure for the past 12 months, \$220,000,000, by a good margin was the highest since 1931, showing that we have scrambled out of the worst part of the depression.

The joint comes when we compare last year with construction before the depression, and not only in the boom years at the very end of the twenties. Away back in 1924 we were building considerably more than we did last year, and in 1924 we did think we were doing so wonderfully well. The average for the year from 1924 to 1930 was \$410,000,000 an ample jump in comparison with what we are doing in 1937.

Altogether, construction last year cannot be considered at much more than 50 per cent of normal, according to the bank. Still a building shortage exists through the country, and available construction is about the most direct stimulus there is to general economic activity—Montreal Star.

### Up To Russia

Britain, Czech Consulate At Moscow Instead Of Leningrad

Russia was hoist with its own petard in the battle over consulates. Great Britain had two consulates in the Soviet Union, one in Leningrad, the other in Moscow. Russia was only one consulate in England, and, demanding parity, requested that Britain close her Leningrad office.

Britain has met the demand for parity by closing the Moscow consulate. The net result is that any Soviet agent in Moscow found for Britain now will have to make a special journey to Leningrad, about 500 miles north by rail, in order to get a British visa.

The next move now lies with the indisputable Russians.

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### Navigated For First Time

Length Of North-West Passage Traversed In One Season

Ernest J. Gail, who hails from Fraserburg, Scotland, has the honor of being the first to penetrate the Biot Strait, a hitherto unexplored part of the North-West Passage, by his first trip made history, for he was thus able to make contact with another vessel, the St. George, which had navigated the North-West Passage from the east. Mr. Gail having sailed from the west.

At the same time, Mr. Gail played his part in the establishing of the most northerly of the Hudson's Bay Company stations, at the farthest-most point of Boothia Peninsula—Port Ross.

It is indeed a striking coincidence that an Aberdeenshire man should have played so prominent a part in this outstanding event, for it was from Aberdeen that Sir Louis McClintock sailed in the Fox in 1857 in search of the missing Sir John Franklin, who, with his many companions, met his life seeking for the North-West Passage. Several times McClintock tried to force his way through Biot Strait, but failed.

### Big Business

Sir Edward Beatty speaks Of Jealousy And Distrust Which Is Shown

Sir Edward Beatty would lead the Montreal Junior Board of Trade against those who try to drive "big business" from "little business," for he is now in the city looking for the North-West Passage. Several times McClintock tried to force his way through Biot Strait, but failed.

"The trick is an old one," declared the Canadian Pacific Railway president. "There is always a tendency to jealousy and distrust of size, and those who would destroy our society or replace it with an ingenious mechanism which exists only in their own imagination know full well it is easier to win recruits by attacks on big business than to struggle against all business."

"Intentionally they try to rally people against big business, but should they succeed in their efforts I can assure you that they will not stop there. They will go the whole way to the destruction of business and the substitution for it of a system in which private enterprise will be forbidden and we shall have substituted for it the irresponsible dictation of self-appointed authority."

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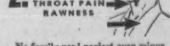
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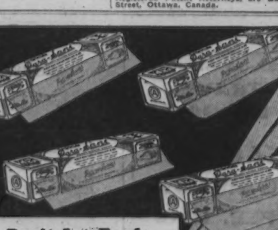
"There are literally thousands of sites listed with the water rights branch which, when constructed and utilized by the individual farm-owners, will change the face of the landscape."

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